

WOULD RETURN TO THE OLD DOMINION

Counties of West Virginia
Desire to Come Back to
First Love.

WAY TO SETTLE DEBT.

Panhandle Largely Democratic and
Has Been Nonentity at Pow Wows
in New State.

Martinsburg, W. Va., July 30.—Leading residents of the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia, embracing the counties of Jefferson, Berkeley and Morgan, have within the past few days become aware that the proposition for West Virginia to "square" the old Virginia debt case by ceding to the mother State several of the eastern border counties, is being seriously considered by certain interests in the State, and discussion of the "deal" is rapidly coming to the seething point throughout this section.

It is reported that two separate propositions of the same character is being considered—one involving the counties of Greenbrier, in which is located the White Sulphur Springs resort, owned by the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Company; Monroe, Summers and Mercer, and other propositions involving the counties of Jefferson, Berkeley, Morgan, Hampshire and Hardy.

It was further stated that the former proposition had its inception with high officials of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, and that they were influenced to take a hand in the "deal" by reason of the fact that if Greenbrier county remains in West Virginia, their White Sulphur Springs resort, where many million dollars have and are being invested, will, after July 30, 1914, be in territory as "dry as a bone" under the most drastic prohibition law ever passed by a state.

It is well known the United States Supreme Court some months ago decided the old debt controversy in favor of Virginia, fixing West Virginia's liability at \$7,150,000. The question of interest was left to a mutual agreement between the States. This interest, running for 50 years, would bring West Virginia's indebtedness to the mother state to approximately \$20,000,000 at the present time. It has been suggested that this amount, with interest at 4 per cent., be paid off in thirty years, and this would mean that West Virginia would be compelled to pay to the holders of the old bonds the staggering sum of more than \$30,000,000, principal and interest. Heavy taxpayers among the individuals, firms and corporations of the state do not view this prospect with any degree of complacency, and if this vast debt could be discharged without any cost to them it would be a most desirable arrangement as they see it.

But nowhere is the proposition meeting with more hearty support than among the residents of the counties that would be directly affected by the "deal." It is a well known fact that a number of the eastern border counties of this state would rather be, by every argument of geographical location tradition and sympathy, a part of the old Commonwealth than remain in West Virginia. This sentiment is particularly pronounced in the counties of Jefferson, Hampshire, Hardy and Greenbrier, and exists in a lesser degree in Berkeley county.

It is urged by many residents that the Eastern Panhandle and the adjacent counties have never been more than political nonentities, ever sitting below the salt at the political feasts of the State, and long years of this treatment has served to breed rancor, disappointment, and resentment among the people of this section. It is declared that were such a proposition left to the people of the counties mentioned, it would be ratified by an overwhelming majority; and it is also believed that if the "deal" should ever come to a vote of the people of the whole state, it would likewise be ratified—such an election serving the double purpose of discharging a staggering debt and of getting rid of several counties that have the discon-

NEWS OF THE DAY.

What would result in a new form of proposed government ownership in the District of Columbia is called for in a bill introduced yesterday in the House by Representative Johnson, of Kentucky, calling for the condemnation and joint purchase by the United States government and the District of the property occupied by the Center Market, and leased by the Washington Market Company. The author of the bill claims that the company has defrauded the government out of nearly \$500,000 through failure to pay in full the \$25,000 a year rental required by the act of 1870.

Had Secretary Bryan been the mercenary, self-seeking politician which his enemies have accredited him with being, he could have cleared at least \$3,000 for one lecture. That Mr. Bryan has lost none of his great power as a drawing card was clearly indicated in a telegram he received from Spearman Lewis stating that the Coliseum at St. Louis has a seating capacity for a \$6,000 crowd and that the association would be willing to split with the Secretary of State and would guarantee \$3,000. In response to this telegram Mr. Bryan forwarded the following message: "I am only lecturing during a limited period, and then only at chaquetauquas, and cannot therefore consider the proposition which you are kind enough to submit."

The tug, Louise, of Baltimore, has been purchased by the District of Columbia from Phillip Weaver and Sons, of that city, for service as a tender to the workhouse at Occoquan.

Miss Esther Stewart, daughter of State Senator Stewart, and granddaughter of John Stewart, millionaire lumberman, was married yesterday at Aurora, Ill., to Arch Richards. Miss Stewart's grandfather drew a check in her favor said to be \$25,000. Presents the young couple received are valued at more than \$100,000.

That the strike in the Michigan copper regions will be of short duration is the opinion expressed. Hundreds of the poorer strikers have been driven to charity. Hundreds of men who formerly delved a living at the mines, have left. Sentiment against the strike is growing among federation members rapidly it is said. There was some rioting yesterday.

Lightning killed one man and caused heavy loss of property in a storm which brought relief to Philadelphia yesterday after a day of excessive heat. Patrick Toney, 50 years old was digging a grave in Holy Cross cemetery when he was struck by lightning and fell into the open grave. Another bolt struck an oil tank of the Atlantic Refining Company at Point Breeze, causing a \$3,500 fire. Several other fires were caused by lightning in various parts of the city. Four deaths were reported as due to heat.

Believing that he was firing upon a burglar, Mack Guest emptied a revolver at his 17-year-old sister, Nellie, in their home, at Elberton, Ga., early yesterday. Mortally wounded, the girl staggered toward him, exclaiming that a bolt of lightning had struck her.

An electrical storm swept Frostburg, Md., yesterday causing loss of life and doing much property damage. Mervin Carey, a young farmer, 25 years old, who had driven his team of horses into a shed on Calvin Wilson's farm, five miles west of here, in Garrett county, was instantly killed by lightning. Both horses were also killed and the shed set on fire.

Within a few yards of the "Little White House," where President Wilson received notification of his nomination and election, the body of Geo. R. Harris, a stenographer of Danbury, Conn., was discovered by two residents of Seagirt, N. J., today. There were bullet holes in the head and left hand and in the knee. A .22 calibre revolver, partly loaded, had been placed loosely in the right hand. A short distance from the body an empty pocketbook was found. Coroner Bennett, of Belmar, said that in his opinion it was not a case of suicide. He believes that Harris was shot and robbed, and that his assailant then placed the revolver in his hand.

certing habit of returning heavy democratic majorities at political elections.

SEVENTEEN DEATHS FROM HEAT WAVE

Prostrations in New York,
Chicago, Detroit and
Columbus.

RAIN MAKES STEAM.

Fifteen Minutes Shower Out of a
Cloudless Sky—Humidity Near
100 Mark.

Chicago, July 30.—Thirteen deaths within twenty-four hours, half a hundred prostrations, and new high temperature records for 1913, marked the advent of the hot wave that grips the West and middle West today.

In Chicago, where the new torrid spell sent the mercury to 99, breaking the season's record, a cool breeze blowing off the lake brought relief during the night, but at daybreak the thermometer showed the temperature mounting again, with a probability that it will reach 100 today. At Peoria, Ill., where a kiosk in the downtown district registered 109 degrees yesterday the Government thermometer showed a temperature approaching 90 early today.

Clay Center, Kan., claimant to the title of the "hottest city," reported a maximum temperature of 107. Cities all over the West reported readings in excess of 100.

The Chicago grain pit was tense, with excitement before the opening today. For two weeks brokers have felt that a return of the hot, dry weather would result in intense famine to the crop in the Western States. The start of the hot spell caused an excited flurry that sent prices up from 2 to 3 cents yesterday. Leading houses predicted a rush to buy corn today that will sweep the bears off their feet.

The same condition was reported at Kansas City and to an extent at other grain markets. The sun is withering the crops to an alarming extent and in some localities the damage has been permanent.

Detroit, Mich., July 30.—Indications early today were that yesterday's heat record, when, officially the temperature was at 92 degrees and the percentage of humidity nearly double the normal mark, would be surpassed today.

Four deaths and several prostrations were charged to the heat within the past twenty-four hours.

New York, July 30.—With indications early today pointing to the hottest day of the summer, the police, charitable organizations, and hospitals were making preparations to care for the scores of sufferers.

The sun rose today on a city exhausted from the heat and intense humidity of yesterday. Only four deaths were reported and about a dozen prostrations, but the suffering was intense.

Not a breath of air was stirring last night and calls for aid began pouring in from the congested tenement districts early this morning.

Columbus, Ohio, July 30.—A fifteen minute downpour of rain from a cloudless sky, which a bright sun nearly turned into steam, drenched Columbus early today. The weather man said there was not a cloud within miles of this city.

With the humidity near the 100 mark, the atmosphere hung like a soaked sponge over the city. A contraction due to a slight drop in the temperature, literally wrung the water from the atmosphere, hence the phenomenon.

NOTICE.

E. L. Crumbaugh, formerly route manager of Corby Brothers, has accepted a position as salesman to represent the Stohlman Bakery.

NOTICE EAGLES.

All members who desire to attend the grand convention in Baltimore, August 7th, will meet at the Hotel Fleischmann, Thursday night, July 31, at 8 p. m., to secure suits.

Signed:

Committee.

WAR ON LOITERERS.

Police Will Round Up Well Known
Characters Who While Away
Time on Street Corners.

Among the cases in the Police Court this morning was that of a well known individual who is often seen loafing upon the old City Hotel corner gazing in the direction of the Polar star. It was stated that he had been idle nearly all the summer and had been warned of the consequences of hanging about the corner. As a reminder that it is the intention of the court to and in putting a stop to the practice, he was fined \$1.

Since the clearing out of the Brad-dock House rookery it is said that the number of idle men previously found loitering about the old City Hotel has been considerably increased. New roadways having been constructed of Cameron street and hundreds of visitors pass over this street daily from Christ Church to the Masonic Temple. The officers think it bad taste for the city to have fine roadways with scarecrows in the shape of the genus homo gazing into faces of tourists.

Other corners in the city will be looked after.

IN TROUBLE AGAIN.

White Woman, Addicted to Liquor,
Spends Night in Station House.

A well-known white woman, residing in the extreme southeastern section of the city, a dipsomaniac, who created considerable excitement in the streets a few weeks ago, while in charge of officers who had arrested her for drunken and disorderly conduct in the streets, tarried too long with the wine again yesterday and late in the afternoon summoned a carriage, alleging that she wanted to be taken to her home. She, however, caused the driver to transport her to different places in the city, and when asked for his fare she refused to pay him, alleging that she had settled the bill. The driver proceeded to the station and informed the proprietor of the facts in the case, and he was directed to convey her to the station house. She still refused to pay the carriage hire and was locked up. This morning when brought before the Police Court she signified her willingness to settle with the driver and was dismissed.

The woman as soon as released repaired to a saloon for the purpose it is supposed, of procuring liquor. An officer was almost at her heels, and before she could be served the proprietor was warned of the penalties of furnishing liquor to people who cannot handle it with safety. The woman later was seen wending her way towards her home.

WILL HONOR BOEHLING.

Virginia Fans to Attend Ball Game
Tomorrow.

Many Alexandria fans will be present at "Joe Boehling Day" at the Washington baseball park tomorrow. Arrangements are being made today for a special train to carry local rooters to the capital where they will join several thousand admirers of the Virginia pitcher coming from Richmond and intermediate points.

Richmond fans according to advices from that city will turn out in immense numbers and board the special train at 10 o'clock tomorrow.

A move has been started by Dr. W. H. Parker, one of the chief promoters of the celebration, to raise funds to take Kennich's Municipal Band to Washington with the excursionists. The Richmond crowd will be a representative one and will include all members of the Battle Axe team, Joe's former teammates professional industrial and commercial citizens, members of the Grays, Barton Heights, Ashland and Collegian baseball teams a delegation from "Commission Row" All of the members of the last named delegation will wear white suits and carry flags and banners.

POLICE COURT.

(Justice L. H. Thompson presiding)
The following cases were disposed of this morning:

Thomas Mullen, charged with vagrancy, and loitering on corners, was fined \$1.

Thomas Holland, colored, charged with forgery, had his case continued. Maggie Stanley and Maggie Johnson, both colored, had their case continued.

A white woman, charged with refusing to pay carriage hire, was dismissed upon settling the bill.

TERRIBLE STORM STRIKES THIS CITY

High Wind, Hail, Rain and
Thunder and Light-
ning.

THRILLING SCENES.

Houses Unroofed, Trees Prostrated,
and Electrical and Telephone Wires
Thrown Down.

Shortly after three o'clock this afternoon a black cloud settled over this city, and subsequently a high north-west wind set in, followed by rain, thunder and lightning the rain fell in torrents, and within a few minutes it was mingled with hail which rattled against windows and caused considerable alarm.

It was impossible to discern objects across the street, and the roar of the hail and the wind, the smash of windows, the flying boughs from trees and the occasional sailing through the air of parts of roofs caused no little terror.

It was too late for the Gazette to make an inventory of the damage in the wake of the convulsion, but it is feared that great devastation has resulted in this section.

The roof of E. Goldsmith's store, southeast corner of King and Lee streets, was lifted and hurled almost across the street.

Trees were blown down on every street in the city. The telephone service was put out of service, while power from the electric plant was also cut off. After the storm had somewhat subsided it was seen that the damage was greater than had been supposed. The west wall of the upper story of the house occupied by Thomas C. Rawlitt, on King street, between Fairfax and Royal was found to have been blown out, the residence of Benj. Posey, on Lee street, near King, had the north wall demolished, which falling inward, smashed all the furniture in the room.

The roof of fertilizer warehouse on Lee street, near Princess, was blown off and landed on the house occupied by Fannie Kimball on the opposite side of the street. The second and third stories were smashed by the impact. The old Kell house, on the southeast corner of Fairfax and Queen streets was blown in and the brick house on the northwest corner of Cameron and Pitt streets, occupied by Mrs. Mullin had one end blown out. This house, it will be remembered, was seriously damaged by the cyclone in 1896.

The house occupied by G. Wm. Ramsey, northeast corner of St. Asaph and Cameron streets, was unroofed and all the trees in front of the house prostrated. The residence of Harry Hammond, 225 north Columbus street, was partially demolished.

Several other houses in the immediate neighborhood were considerably damaged by falling chimneys and trees.

While the wind was at its height the chimneys of the residence of Robert L. Knight, on the north side of Prince street, near Lee, were blown over. They fell on the adjoining residence, occupied by William Wattles, and crashed through the roof and into a third story room, causing considerable damage.

Part of the east end of the residence of Mrs. John W. Burke, on Wilkes street, between Fairfax and Lee, was blown in, and the south end of the residence of Officer Scott, on Lee street between Wilkes and Gibson, was also demolished.

The western gable of the electric plant at the foot of Wolf street was also blown in.

The tugboat Edith Winslip was sunk on the Virginia side of the river, nearly opposite Shepherds.

The steamer Charles Macalester, with a large crowd of excursionists aboard, was caught in the storm off Broad Creek. It was impossible to see what became of her owing to the darkness and the thick rain, and a report was circulated to the effect that she had overturned. To the great relief of all having friends and relatives aboard, she pased up the river about six o'clock.

A party of excursionists who were

* GAZETTE DELAYED *

The fierce storm of this afternoon put the electric plant out of commission. This brought our Mergenthalers to a standstill. It required several hours to repair damage and furnish current.

* LOCAL BREVITIES. *

Alexandria Council No. 5, F.O.A., will hold their regular meeting tomorrow night at their hall. A large crowd is expected to attend the lecture to be delivered on the occasion by Rev. A. W. Davis, of Wilmington, Del., who will be in Alexandria for a few days. Mr. Davis will take for his subject, "American Patriotism."

Rev. W. F. Watson, pastor of the First Baptist Church, has completed his fifth year as pastor and yesterday left on his vacation to join his wife at Orkney Springs, Virginia. Rev. Watson will not return to Alexandria until the first Sunday in September.

* A RARE OPPORTUNITY. *

The biggest and most sweeping cost-cutting sale ever held by R. E. Knight and Son will be held daily until Saturday night, almost everything in stock, from cigars and tobacco to household goods being marked down, and in many instances, much below actual cost prices.

Vacation goods are especially indicated as being on sale at much reduced prices. Such articles as bathing suits for ladies, men and boys, sporting goods, kodaks and cameras, suit cases, etc., are placed on sale this week at especially low prices. Ready to put up earnings may be secured now at a considerable saving, and porch screens and all hammocks in stock are to be disposed of cheaply. Books and stationery make another item which you can purchase at Knight's at very low prices. These goods are all marked down from the regular prices at which the goods formerly sold. It is rarely that R. E. Knight and Son ever conduct a sale of this magnitude and cut the selling price of their stock to such proportions as offered during this sale. It is an opportunity for every one in Alexandria to get needed articles for Mr. Knight sells most everything.

* STANDING OF THE SWATERS. *

The July fly swatting crusade of the City Health Department closes tomorrow. Candidates stand as follows, but have another day in which to increase their record for this month.

Julian Chauncey	63,700
Isabel Cockrell	269,350
Alton Dodd	104,500
Ethel Jett	44,600
Naomi Massey	233,300
Frances Summers	118,100
Jack Sullivan	59,200

* AUCTION SALE TOMORROW. *

Samuel H. Lunt auctioneer, will offer for sale at public auction at ten o'clock tomorrow on the premises at the southeast intersection of Hume Avenue and the Washington and Alexandria Turnpike, St. Elmo, Alexandria county, Va., three wagons, one horse, sets of harness, also all stock and fixtures of a store, including boxes, scales and registers.

* DIED. *

Departed this life Thursday morning 2:30 A. M., at the Alexandria Hospital, DANIEL HOPKINS. Funeral from Wheatley's undertaking parlors Thursday afternoon at 4 P. M., friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend. (Washington papers please copy.)

bathing at Jones Point had a thrilling experience. They took refuge in a park when the storm broke and the wind later carried away the roof, leaving later exposed to the fury of the hail stones.

The poles and wires were prostrated on the Mount Vernon line of the electric railway and many trees were blown down, falling upon the back. Travel on the line was delayed for several hours.

During the storm lightning struck a stable at Roberts Mills at Cameron and it was destroyed.

WEDDERBURN WILL NOT BE A CANDIDATE

Drops Out of Race For
Lieutenant Governor of
State.

* NO TIME FOR CANVASS. *

Prints Long Card Giving His Reasons
For Withdrawing From Hopeless
Contest—Says Ellyson Will Win.

Alexander J. Wedderburn, editor of the Alexandria Sunday Times, announces his withdrawal from the race for lieutenant-governor of Virginia in the Democratic primary to take place next Tuesday, and in doing so asks his supporters to vote for J. Taylor Ellyson, the present incumbent. In a long card to the voters of the State Mr. Wedderburn gives his reasons for withdrawal that he has not had the opportunity to make a thorough canvass of the state and that from his observation, Mr. Ellyson will be elected by an overwhelming majority. He advises Mr. Machen, also of this city, who is the third candidate in the race, to also withdraw. Mr. Wedderburn's card will be found on page six of today's Gazette.

The withdrawal of Mr. Wedderburn from the contest will not have any effect on the situation throughout the state is the belief of local politicians as he has practically made no canvass for the office but it will change conditions here in a considerable extent. The contest in this city was regarded as close as all three men had many strong supporters.

* REGULATING MILK TRADE. *

Dairymen Making Application for
Blanks

Application blanks from dairymen supplying milk and cream to consumers in Alexandria are being received by the City Health Officer Dr. Jas. J. Garvey, deputy health officer, who has charge of dairy inspection, states that with very few exceptions the dairymen reporting to the Health office and filling out the application blanks have shown that conditions under which they handle and sell their milk are very satisfactory.

The dairymen have until August 1st to make reports to the city health office as to the condition of their plants, after which date the deputy health officer will pay a personal visit of inspection to every dairy and if the dairy is found in the proper sanitary condition as the application blanks indicate, permits will be issued to sell milk in the city. Such dairies as do not come up to the requirements of the health laws of Alexandria will receive a temporary permit under which to operate their dairies to give the owners time to get their plants in shape to pass the final inspection of the health officer.

* APPOINTED DEPUTY COLLECTOR

George T. Caton Succeeds George A. Nowland at This Post.

George T. Caton yesterday was appointed deputy collector of the port of Alexandria, to succeed George A. Nowland, transferred to the collector's office at Georgetown, D. C., and after taking the oath of office before F. F. Marbury, a notary, Mr. Caton this morning entered upon the discharge of his duties. The Alexandria office was recently placed in the Baltimore district, and Charles A. Thalhimer, assistant deputy collector of the port of Baltimore, was here to induct Mr. Caton into office.

Mr. Caton will be in his office, at the Custom House, corner Prince and St. Asaph streets, each day at 9 a. m., to transact any business connected with his office. He will also maintain an office on the river front for greater convenience of vessel owners.

Mr. Caton is a well known business man of Alexandria and a Democrat. He is also prominent in fraternal circles. His many friends are gratified at his appointment.

Hard and soft shell crabs, Rammel's.